

REMARKS

The courteous interview granted to applicant's undersigned attorney of record on July 1, 2003 is hereby acknowledged with appreciation. At the interview, the claimed invention, the prior art of record and the outstanding Office Action were thoroughly discussed.

It was pointed out at the interview of July 1, 2003 that the prior art '869 patent always requires an adhesive resin (the adhesive carbodiimide resin). While the '869 Japanese patent teaches a combination of ink receptive layer (A) directly adhered to support layer (C), as pointed out at pages 3/50, 9/50, and especially 27/50, of the machine translation, if the (A)/(C) combination is used, (C) contains a carbodiimide-based adhesive resin. Accordingly, as indicated on the PTOL-413 interview summary record, the attached amendments to the ink jet recording sheet claims 16, 22, 25 and 28-32; and method claims 17, 18, 23, 24, 26, 27 and 33-38 make those claims patentable over the prior art of record, which requires a glue line or adhesive layer for adhering an ink-receptive layer to a support sheet.

COMPOSITION CLAIMS 10, 12-15, AND 19-21

As indicated at the interview of July 1, 2003, patentability of the composition claims would be considered at this time, together with supporting data, in view of the unexpected results attributable to the claimed composition (whereby the ink-receptive layer can be adhered directly to a support layer without an intermediate glue line).

Attached is a Declaration of Katsuaki Matsuo under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 detailing the unexpected results set forth in applicants' specification. In view of the attached Declaration, it is submitted that the composition claims, also, are patentable over the prior art of record.

It is submitted that all claims are now of proper form and scope for allowance. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 19036/37155 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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